



I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop RCE, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 on May 9, 2005.

Signature:

*Marilyn R. Khorsandi*  
Marilyn R. Khorsandi

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	David Allison Bennett, et al.	Group Art Unit:	3629
Serial No.:	09/684,871	Examiner:	Jamisue A. Webb
Filed:	October 6, 2000		
Title:	Apparatus, Systems and Methods For Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Shipping Location Comparison Across Multiple Carriers		
Atty Dckt No.:	PSTM0003/MRK		

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

**37 CFR § 1.97(b)**

Mail Stop RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Commissioner:

**Section 1: Preliminary Statements:**

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 CFR §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, and in accordance with the provisions in the manual of patent examining procedure §§ 609 and 707.05(B), enclosed is Form PTO-1449 listing references that are known to applicant. Copies of each of the listed references and documents are enclosed. This filing is made during one of the periods described in 37 CFR § 1.97(b).

Many of the references listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 were cited in Office Actions issued for co-pending patent applications that are commonly assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced U.S. patent application. Also listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are Office Actions issued for co-pending patent applications that are commonly assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced U.S. patent application.

Serial No. 09/684,871  
Information Disclosure Statement

Reference 7 on the attached Form PTO-1449 (U.S. Publication No. US2004/0254808; Bennett et al.) is a co-pending application that is a continuation application of Application Serial Number 09/684,865, which was filed October 6, 2000, which has been assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced application for which this Information Disclosure Statement is filed. The Brief Description of the Drawings, the Detailed Description of the Invention, and the Illustrative Embodiments sections, and the drawings of Reference 7 are substantially identical to the Brief Description of the Drawings, the Detailed Description of the Invention, and the Illustrative Embodiments sections, and the drawings of the above-referenced application for which this Information Disclosure Statement is filed.

Reference 16 on the attached Form PTO-1449 (U.S. Application No. Not Yet Assigned; Bilibin et al.) is a co-pending application that is a divisional application of Application Serial Number 09/684,014, which was filed October 6, 2000, which has been assigned to the assignees of the above-referenced application for which this Information Disclosure Statement is filed. The Brief Description of the Drawings, the Detailed Description of the Invention, and the Illustrative Embodiments sections, and the drawings of Reference 16 are substantially identical to the Brief Description of the Drawings, the Detailed Description of the Invention, and the Illustrative Embodiments sections, and the drawings of the above-referenced application for which this Information Disclosure Statement is filed; a copy of pages 1-3 and 97-100 are provided.

While this Information Disclosure Statement, and the references and documents cited in the enclosed Form PTO-1449 may be "material" pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.56, submission of this Information Disclosure Statement and citation of the references and documents listed in the enclosed Forms PTO-1449 are not intended to constitute an admission that any patent, publication or other information referred to herein is "prior art" for this invention unless specifically designated as such.

In accordance with 37 CFR 1.97(g), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made or that no other material information as defined in 37 CFR 1.56(a) exists.

It is respectfully requested that the listed references and documents be considered in the examination of this application and identified on the list of references cited on the patent issuing for this application. Applicant also requests that an initialed copy of Form PTO-1449 be entered in the application file and returned to Applicant with the next communication from the office in accordance with MPEP §609.

Serial No. 09/684,871  
Information Disclosure Statement

Section 2. FORM 1449

A list of patents and publications is set forth on the enclosed Form PTO-1449.

Respectfully submitted,

May 9, 2005  
Date

Marilyn R. Khorsandi  
Marilyn R. Khorsandi  
Attorney/Agent for Applicant(s)  
Reg. No. 45,744

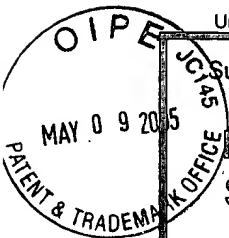
Khorsandi Patent Law Group, ALC  
140 S. Lake Ave., Ste. 312  
Pasadena, California 91101-4710  
Telephone No.: (626) 796-2856  
Facsimile: (626) 796-2864

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → ☐

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.



Substitute for form 1449A/PTO

# **INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT**

(use as many sheets as necessary)

Sheet

1

Of

2

## **Complete if Known**

Application Number	09/684,871
Filing Date	10/6/2000
First Named Inventor	Bennett, et al
Group Art Unit	3629
Examiner Name	Jamisue A. Webb
Attorney Docket Number	PSTM0003/MRK

## **U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			
	1	5,774,660		Brendel, et al.	06-1998	Throughout
	2	6,006,100		Koenck, et al.	12-1999	Throughout
	3	6,078,936		Martin, et al.	06-2000	Throughout
	4	6,192,400	B1	Hanson, et al.	02-2001	Throughout
	5	6,246,967	B1	Libicki, et al.	06-2001	Throughout
	6	6,462,286	B1	Schwartz, et al.	10-2002	Throughout
	7	US2004/0254808	A1	Bennett, et al.	12-2004	Throughout

## **FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document			Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Office <sup>3</sup>	Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)			
	8	PCT	WO97/40617	A1	10-1997	Throughout	

## **OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS**

Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
	9	Examiner Edward R. Cosimano, Art Unit 3629, United States Patent Office; Office Action dated February 02, 2005 for Smith, et al.; Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Functional Alignment of Computer Devices; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,010 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0002/MRK); filed October 6, 2000	
	10	Examiner Michael A. Cuff, Art Unit 3627, United States Patent Office; Office Action dated April 25, 2005 for Hu, et al.; Apparatus, Systems And Methods For Interfacing With Digital Scales Configured With Remote Client Computer Devices; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,808 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0008/MRK); filed October 6, 2000	
	11	Examiner Jamisue A. Webb, Art Unit 3629, United States Patent Office; Office Action dated March 07, 2005 for Bennett, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Notification Service Option Comparison for Multiple Carriers; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/685,078 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0010/MRK/STM); filed October 6, 2000	
	12	Examiner Jamisue A. Webb, Art Unit 3629, United States Patent Office; Office Action dated February 4, 2005 for Bennett, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management Featuring Shipping Rate and Delivery Schedule Comparison for Multiple Carriers; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/680,654 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0015/MRK/STM); filed October 6, 2000	
	13	Examiner Romain Jeanty, Art Unit 3623, United States Patent Office; Office Action dated March 04, 2005 for Bilibin, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Zone Level Rating for Each of Multiple Carriers; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,014 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0023/MRK); filed October 6, 2000	
Examiner Signature		Date Considered	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter Code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Please type a plus sign (+) inside this box → +

PTO/SB/08A (08-00)

Approved for use through 10/31/2002. OMB 0651-0031

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office; U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, no persons are required to respond to a collection of information unless it displays a valid OMB control number.

Substitute for form 1449A/PTO  <b>INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BY APPLICANT</b>  <i>(use as many sheets as necessary)</i>				<b>Complete if Known</b>	
		Application Number	09/684,871		
		Filing Date	10/6/2000		
		First Named Inventor	Bennett, et al.		
		Group Art Unit	3629		
		Examiner Name	Jamisue A. Webb		
		Attorney Docket Number	PSTM0003/MRK		
Sheet	2	Of	2		

U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS						
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	U.S. Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear
		Number	Kind Code <sup>2</sup> (if known)			

FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS							
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Foreign Patent Document		Name of Patentee or Applicant of Cited Document	Date of Publication of Cited Document MM-YYYY	Pages, Columns, Lines, Where Relevant Passages or Relevant Figures Appear	T <sup>6</sup>
		Offi ce <sup>3</sup> Number <sup>4</sup>	Kind Code <sup>5</sup> (if known)				

OTHER PRIOR ART - NON PATENT LITERATURE DOCUMENTS			
Examiner Initials*	Cite No. <sup>1</sup>	Include name of the author (in CAPITAL LETTERS), title of the article (when appropriate), title of the item (book, magazine, journal, serial, symposium, catalog, etc.), date, page(s), volume-issue number(s), publisher, city and/or country where published.	T <sup>2</sup>
	14	Examiner Jamisue A. Webb, Art Unit 3629, United States Patent Office: Office Action dated February 10, 2005 for Hu, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Printing Dimensionally Accrate Symbolologies On Laser Printers Configured With Remote Client Computer Devices; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,152 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0034/MRK); filed October 6, 2000	
	15	Examiner Edward R. Cosimano, Art Unit 3629, United States Patent Office: Office Action dated March 07, 2005 for Bennett, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Online, Multi-Carrier, Multi-Service Parcel Shipping Management; U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/684,866 (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0038/MRK/STM); filed October 6, 2000	
	16	Bilibin, et al.; Apparatus, Systems and Methods for Zone Level Rating for each of Multiple Carriers; U.S. Patent Application No. Not Yet Assigned (Attorney Docket No. PSTM0051/MRK); filed May 7, 2005 (a divisional of Patent Application No. 09/684,014); pages 1-3 and 97-100	
Examiner Signature		Date Considered	

\*EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609. Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

<sup>1</sup>Unique citation designation number. <sup>2</sup>See attached Kinds of U.S. Patent Documents. <sup>3</sup>Enter Office that issued the document, by the two-letter Code (WIPO Standard ST.3). <sup>4</sup>For Japanese patent documents, the indication of the year of the reign of the Emperor must precede the serial number of the patent document. <sup>5</sup>Kind of document by the appropriate symbols as indicated on the document under WIPO Standard ST. 16 if possible. <sup>6</sup>Applicant is to place a check mark here if English language Translation is attached.

Burden Hour Statement: This form is estimated to take 2.0 hours to complete. Time will vary depending upon the needs of the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you are required to complete this form should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.